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Sir:

Consistent with the teleconference between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Thao X. Le on November 18, 2003, this response to the May 19, 2003 Office Action is submitted for entry in the above-identified application.

The term for response to the May 19, 2003 Office Action has been extended by three months, to November 19, 2003, by the extension of time request presented in the penultimate section hereof (37 CFR §1.136).

Please amend the claims as set out in **Section I (Amended Claims)** beginning on the following page.

Remarks relating to the patentability of the amended claims are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.